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Sivan shares Marvel-ous tale with Dele

FROM teen tearaway to pillar of the community – Spurs have honoured a young man who has blossomed with their help.

Sivan Sherabayani joined the football club's community venture ten years ago as a 14-year-old and is now running his own coaching sessions for children.

And at a special event at Spurs' Ferry Lane facility he received a prize from the club's England star Dele Alli to mark the establishment of the Premier Kicks programme which fostered Sivan's success.

Sivan, 24, from the Ferry Lane estate, said: "I am very grateful to the club. They taught us what to do, how to play and they gave us the opportunity to travel away to places like Manchester. They gave me employment opportunities as a steward.

"I even had a trial for the club. When I first started taking part, I could never have imagined that I would be running my own business."

Sivan now coaches and has worked at Firs Farm Primary School, in Palmers Green.

Richard Allcock, community development manager with the Tottenham Hotspur Foundation, paid tribute to Sivan, saying: "He was a bit of a tearaway when he first came to our project but his commitment has come through and he has managed to apply that intensity in a positive direction."

The Premier League Kicks programme



Dele good: Spurs midfielder Dele Alli presents Sivan Sherabayani with his comic strip

celebrated its tenth anniversary at the event hosted at Ferry Lane facility – the home of the first session in 2006.

Midfielder Alli, who presented Sivan with his Premier League Kicks Heroes

personalised comic strip, drawn by a Marvel Comics illustrator, said: "It's great to be here today to see Sivan and other Kicks participants enjoying their football and making new friends."



Wheely generous: Members of the Red Army Riding Club

Bikers raise charity cash

BIKERS have raised £1,700 to help dozens of disabled kids.

The Red Army Riding Club – a social and charitable motorbike riding club – have stumped up around £1,700 in aid of Whizz-Kidz, whose Ambassador Club in Haringey helps dozens of disabled kids with very complex needs.

The bikers collected £1,700 worth of donations including online pledges and gifts and on Saturday rode in formation from Tottenham community business Zenith Motorcycles to the Whizz-Kidz Haringey Ambassador Club at Haringey Sixth Form College to deliver the donated item.

The club's secretary, who prefers to be known only as Chopper, said: "The club wanted to support this fantastic charity in providing disabled children and young people with vital mobility equipment and life journey services, giving them opportunities to build friendships, have fun and training to help them gain skills and look forward to a bright future."

RIGHT ON TRACK

£1bn depot will help to transform rail services

By Adrian Colley

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WORK has finished on a new base that will help transform rail services in north London.

The modern depot in Haringey will maintain £1 billion worth of trains and enable a "high-intensity" service from Great Northern stations.

Stations in Haringey, as well as the boroughs of Barnet and Enfield, will benefit from more services across London and newer trains.

The base at Hornsey now has a new maintenance building and large new sidings and it is claimed that will mean improved servicing for the trains Great Northern's parent company Govia Thameslink Railway will run.

All these trains will have air conditioning, passenger information systems, wheelchair accessible toilets and other features for passengers with disabilities.

In particular, new Class 717 trains for Great Northern suburban services from Welwyn Garden City, Hertford and Stevenage will run to and from Moorgate in the City of London from late 2018.

The project is part of a £300m investment by Siemens, which includes a depot in Sussex.

The depot next to Hornsey rail station will also be a centre for apprenticeship schemes run

there by both GTR and Siemens. Up to 20 apprentices will be trained there annually in the maintenance and servicing of trains.

The site, coupled with the existing building, is the size of 12 football pitches.

GTR engineering director Gerry McFadden said: "This enlarged and modernised facility will support the biggest fleet renewal in the history of this part of the Great Northern railway and create fabulous new journeys on to an expanded Thameslink network."

"The new maintenance building at Hornsey is a crucial part of the government-sponsored Thameslink programme which will support the exciting new cross-London connections for passengers on much of our existing Great Northern route."

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Man, 36, dies in road tragedy

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FLORAL tributes have been laid at the spot where a man died after being struck by a hit-and-run driver last Thursday morning.

The 36-year-old victim was hit by a vehicle which failed to stop in Holtwhites Hill, Enfield, as the rush hour was getting under way.

Police officers are appealing for anyone who was in the vicinity at the time and might have witnessed the tragedy or the make of vehicle involved to get in touch.

Police were called to the scene at 7.23am. A helicopter ambulance also

attended. The man was pronounced dead 20 minutes later.

Holtwhites Hill was closed for five hours as officers from the Met Police's Serious Investigation Unit conducted tests to try and establish the speed at which the vehicle was travelling.

A Scotland Yard spokesman said that formal identification of the victim had taken place on Monday and next-of-kin had been informed.

"Inquiries continue to establish the full circumstances of the collision and to trace the vehicle involved," he added.

Anyone with information is being asked to call the appeal line on 020 8597 4874 or Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.



Tragic reminder: Flowers placed on a wall at the scene of the accident

Call for new action plan to stub out smoking

HEALTH boss Krystle Fonyonga has written to all three Enfield MPs in the hope they can fire up the Prime Minister to publish a new tobacco control plan.

A plan which set out a strategy to slash the number of smokers lapsed a year ago and Ms Fonyonga, Enfield Council's cabinet member for community safety and public health, wants it updated in a bid to drive down the number of people lighting up in the borough.

Just under 1,000 residents in Enfield died through smoking over a two-year period between 2012 and 2014.

Ms Fonyonga said: "Smoking costs Enfield £56.8million a year and that doesn't include the costs of clearing up the five tonnes of cigarette waste discarded as street litter in the borough.

"These costs are not sustainable for Enfield or our NHS, which are both facing huge financial challenges.

"When she became Prime Minister, Theresa May stated her commitment to 'fighting against the burning injustice that if you're born poor, you will die on average nine years earlier than others'.

"Half this difference in life

expectancy is due to the higher rates of smoking among the least affluent."

In her letter to MPs Joan Ryan (Enfield North), (David Burrowes) and Kate Osamor (Edmonton), Ms Fonyonga says: "As you may know, Healthy Lives, Healthy People: A tobacco control plan for England expired a year ago.

"Through this strategy we have driven down smoking prevalence by the equivalent of 5,450 smokers. We wish to go further and national action is needed. The public health minister has pledged that a new tobacco plan will be

published 'soon'. I urge you therefore not only to speed up the publication of this plan, but also to ensure that it is as strong as the people of Enfield deserve.

Mr Burrowes said he would be happy to back her.

"The new tobacco control plan will reflect the fact that controlling tobacco is an international priority and must work to reduce the burden that smoking places on individuals, families and economies across the globe," he said.

"I am pleased to press the government for publication of its plan."

ENFIELD'S HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL DAY EVENT THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2017

Enfield Council invites you to attend the **Holocaust Memorial Day Event** at the **Dugdale Centre** in Enfield at **7pm** on **Thursday 26th January 2017**.



This is the 17th year that Enfield has commemorated the event, and whatever your age or belief, we would like to invite you to join us mark this important occasion.

Author and survivor of the Holocaust Elie Wiesel said: *'For the survivor death is not the problem. Death was an everyday occurrence. We learned to live with death. The problem is to adjust to life, to living. You must teach us about living.'*

We will also be reflecting on our individual responsibilities with the question: *'What can you do to help those who have survived genocide, as well as all those from persecuted groups to ensure that life goes on?'*

Our event is always very popular so you will need to book your place as early as possible if you would like to attend. Doors open at 6.30pm and refreshments will be served following a diverse programme.

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Quiz night raises money for Syrian refugees

A CHARITY quiz night for Enfield Council staff and councillors raised much-needed funds for young Syrian refugees fleeing the conflict in the Middle East.

The money will be donated to charity Save the Children, which provides refugees in Syria with food, shelter and medicine.

The event raised £1,700 and was organised by councillor Yasemin Brett, who came to the UK as a refugee in her teens and who wants to raise awareness of the scores of young Syrians fleeing from their homes.

About 125 councillors and staff took part in the quiz at the Civic Centre, in Silver Street, Enfield.

"It gives us a good indication of what we can do in the future," said Mrs Brett, cabinet

member for community, arts and culture,

Having fled in 1971 from war from what was then East Pakistan, Mrs Brett knows of the trauma and upheaval inflicted on refugees.

"I can relate to their experience of not knowing where their parents are or if they will be safe," she explained.

"I was a refugee, so I have some understanding of the predicament they have found themselves in."

Mrs Brett has met Enfield Refugees Welcome, a group which is calling on central and local government to provide asylum in the UK for Syrian refugees who have been affected by the crisis.

The group has been supported by charity Citizens UK, which campaigns

on issues surrounding social justice.

The council is currently working with the Greater London Authority and the Home Office to agree on a wider London approach to participation in the Syrian Refugee Resettlement.

More than 7.5 million children have been affected by the Syrian crisis and 11,000 have been killed.

Mrs Brett added: "We are experiencing austerity, which is awful for some families but people should be kept aware that this is still going on."

A JustGiving page has been set up by the council where donations can be made for the Syria crisis appeal – www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Enfield-Council



Understanding: Councillor Yasemin Brett

Portillo pops in to raise a glass to Tory stalwart Terry

POLITICAL heavyweight Michael Portillo was guest of honour at a party to celebrate an old friend's time serving on Enfield Council.

The former Defence Secretary – who famously lost his seat as MP for Enfield Southgate during the 1997 Labour landslide victory – joined the party last week to celebrate

Terry Neville's 30 years as a Conservative councillor. Mr Portillo said: "Terry and I served together for many years and were great friends. It's a huge achievement that he's been here for 30 years and it's a real pleasure to see him again."

Mr Portillo said he was well and truly out of politics now. The 63-year-old broadcaster and TV presenter took his An Audience With-style show to Wyllotts Theatre, in Potters Bar, two months ago.

And referring to Great British Railway Journeys, a documentary series he presented he said as long as the BBC kept commissioning them, he would keep making them.

Loyal to the railways,



Cheers: Terry Neville and Michael Portillo

Mr Portillo joked: "Actually, I am catching the 19.22 from Enfield Town. I've got a party at Jeffrey Archer's in Vauxhall to go to."

Mr Neville, a lawyer and magistrate, was praised by colleagues on all sides of politics at the party held at the Civic Centre, in Silver Street, Enfield.

Many referred to his longevity and called him a "true gentleman".

They heard how Mr Neville had brought about a great many changes in Enfield. He was behind the smoking ban in the

council's committee rooms and chambers and he introduced wheeley bins, new street lighting and park police.

In his early career as a solicitor, he brought about a legislation to regulate the number of sex shops in Soho.

Mr Neville, 70, said: "As for the future, keep going. It's the nature of politics to want to win power again, but you've got to remain civil and friendly."

"A lot of people can't separate the personal from the political and that's a shame."

'It isn't right that so many sleep rough'

By Clare Casey

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AS the temperature plummets, an Enfield primary school teacher is urging people to think of the thousands of homeless sleeping rough.

Billy Stock, 29, of Baker Street, Enfield, has been driving into central London for more than a year distributing care packages to those sleeping rough.

He collects sleeping bags, warm coats, underwear and socks through his Facebook page Todos (Spanish for everybody) London, helping the homeless.

And then Billy and a team of helpers drive around Kings Cross, Brick Lane and central London doling out kind words and warm clothes.

It began years ago when Billy and his brother used to run club nights in Brick Lane and got chatting with people down on their luck and sleeping rough.

Billy said: "I drive in about once a week, sometimes more, and have a chat with people and see how they are."

"I like doing it, I enjoy meeting people."

"It's not just about the warm clothes, it's about speaking to people and finding out about them. A lot of homeless people



Giving generously: Billy Stock and James Whitaker with some of the items being dropped off at James's hairdressing salon

are treated like they don't exist, ignored or worse.

"It's not right that we have so many people sleeping rough on our streets."

Shelter released figures last week showing there are almost 10,000 homeless in Enfield alone.

Billy is now thinking of turning his attentions to Enfield and hopes to start up a soup kitchen once a week where people in the borough can come for hot food and warm clothing.

But in the run-up to Christmas, he is asking people to drop warm clothes, roll mats and sleeping bags off at James Whitaker Hair, in Lancaster Road, Enfield.

Billy, who starts work at Keys Meadow Primary School, in Tysoe Avenue, Enfield Lock, in January added: "James has always helped us out by storing things in his basement. So, if anyone can help donate things, that would be brilliant."

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YOUNGSTERS were so inspired by their lessons about power that some are considering a career in politics.

The year 6 pupils from St James Primary School are looking at power and the ways people exercise it and their studies took them to the Houses of Parliament, where they met Enfield North MP Joan Ryan.

The ten and 11-year-olds also had a look round the House of Lords, learned how legislation is made and marvelled at the splendour of Westminster Hall. They also visited Downing Street to see the Prime Minister's official home.

Year 6 teacher and deputy head Lisa Everard said: "Some of them would like to be Prime

School pupils pay a visit to the corridors of power

Minister. I reckon there are at least six of them who reckon they would be quite good at running the country

Ms Ryan also popped into the school, in Frederick Crescent, Enfield Highway, to talk to the children about her job and the powers an MP has.

Children quizzed her about the highs and lows – including losing the Enfield North seat in 2010 before she was re-elected in 2015.

Mrs Everard said: "We looked at people in the local community who had power. Joan Ryan talked about what she does and how law is made.

She talked about her power to influence change and represent the people of Enfield."

The pupils were excited to have an MP visit them and learn that she lives in Enfield, said Mrs Everard.

"We've also had the police visit us and magistrates came in and did a lesson with them," she added. "They looked at a particular crime and what the punishment would be. I think they were quite surprised that they are just normal people."

Mrs Everard hoped the lessons had demonstrated to the children they could do jobs which gave them power to serve their community – just like those who have their eye on the top job in politics.

Shot in the arm as hospital gets better

MPs have welcomed news that North Middlesex University Hospital has been turned round after a crisis-hit 2016.

The borough's three MPs – Joan Ryan, David Burrowes and Kate Osamor – have all issued statements after health inspectors said improvements had been made.

In April, the Care Quality Commission found that the accident and emergency department at the hospital, in Sterling Way, Edmonton, was inadequate.

This week, the commission confirmed that was no longer the case. However, several departments still "require improvement".

Enfield North MP Ms Ryan said: "The people of Enfield deserve nothing less than a good hospital, where they can feel confident they will receive the standard of treatment and care they deserve.

"So I'm incredibly grateful to the more than 5,000 local residents who



Improving: North Middlesex University Hospital, in Edmonton

signed my petition and worked with me over the summer to save North Mid's A&E from possible partial closure.

"I congratulate the senior manage-

ment team and the hard-working, frontline clinical staff for helping to bring North Mid through its recent crisis. The hospital has turned a corner.

"I'll be keeping a very close eye on the progress being made will be visiting the hospital again in January to meet the chief executive, doctors and nurses."

David Burrowes, the MP for Enfield Southgate, said: "I welcome the CQC report showing improvement at North Middlesex Hospital.

"It is particularly reassuring that leadership of the emergency department is good. There is a long way to go and real need to ensure recruitment and retention of doctors is sustainable."

Kate Osamor, the MP for Edmonton, said: "Too many of my constituents are waiting in the emergency department, with more than 500 people visiting in any one day – there's no surprise the department is not meeting its targets.

"The situation has somewhat improved following the unannounced inspection of the urgent and emergency services."

She added: "The trust requires improvement to demonstrate a safe, effective, caring and responsive hospital. The trust needs to respond to the report, improving our hospital for the better."

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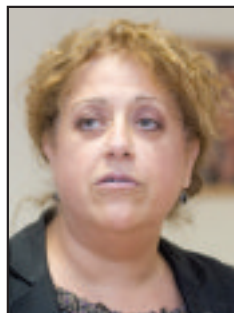
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Orhan defies calls for her resignation



By Clare Casey

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ENFIELD'S education chief is facing calls to resign this week following the latest league tables results.

The damning results show Enfield has the lowest number of children in London reaching the expected standard in the "Three Rs" – reading, writing and maths.

Only 52 per cent of pupils in the borough passed the tough new tests – one per cent lower than the national average.

Tory politicians have slammed the results and are calling for councillor Ayfer Orhan to stand down.

Alessandro Georgiou, Enfield Council's shadow cabinet member for education, said: "To demonstrate how badly Enfield is performing you only need to look at the results from every other London borough.

"Not only are Enfield's primary schools now collectively performing worse than all other London boroughs, but also Enfield is the only borough in which primary schools have collectively failed to improve.

"Councillor Orhan, who is paid to be the cabinet member for schools in Enfield, needs to resign as a result of these appalling results.

"Our children need the best start in life and are being let down by this council."

Final year pupils at 14,930 state primary schools sat a raft of tough new tests in the summer – reading, writing, maths, spelling and grammar.

Only 53 per cent of pupils passed, compared to the 80 per cent who passed easier tests in 2015.

Schools are then ranked by these results to enable parents to narrow down the choice of schools for their children.

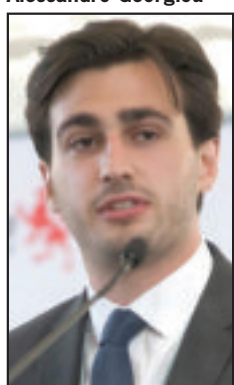
Ms Orhan says she will not be resigning.

The cabinet member for education, children's services and protection said: "While I am proud that the percentage of Enfield schools judged as good or outstanding has gone up from 73 per cent to 97 per cent since 2010, these results show that while we have many excellent primary schools in Enfield a small handful of schools did not perform to the expected standard in this year's tests.

"I am absolutely committed to working with these schools to improve standards and ensure that they are fully prepared for next year.

"The council has high expectations for all our schools and will work over the next 12 months with all local authority schools and the secretary of state, who is responsible for academies, to ensure they all meet these expectations and provide our young people with the best chance to achieve their full potential."

War of words: Ayfer Orhan and, below, Alessandro Georgiou



Vibrant: Councillor Ayfer Orhan had a guided tour of the renovated campus and officially opened the new Winchmore School Sixth Form wing

Refurbished block boosts school's sixth form

A SCHOOL which scrapped its sixth form because not enough students were staying on to do A-levels, is now welcoming sixth-formers from another school to purpose-built premises on its site.

Broomfield school, in Wilmer Way, Southgate, stopped offering sixth-form places in September this year because of declining numbers of A-level students.

A multi-million-pound sixth-form block was officially opened last week, providing 200 extra places for sixth-formers from Winchmore school. The newly-refurbished facility is in addition to the main sixth-form building at Winchmore, in Laburnum Grove.

Pupils can now study A-levels at Broomfield's state-of-the-art site in computing, economics, English language, geography, history, physics and psychology, as well as BTEC diplomas in business, health and social care, ICT, media and sport.

And the Broomfield campus is also the temporary home of reception and year 1 classes for Bowes Southgate Green Primary School, which is awaiting its own site, as well as providing additional special needs classes in a mainstream setting for pupils of West Lea school, in Haselbury Road, Edmonton.

On a visit to the new facilities, Ayfer Orhan, Enfield Council's cabinet member for education, children's services and protection, said: "The vision of our schools to work collaboratively at Broomfield has created a vibrant campus.

"It is a unique situation that we have four schools coming together to make the most of the opportunity that this school site brings and widening the provision for all age groups in this part of the borough.

"By converting and extending facilities we have created something that I believe is an example of partnership working for authorities across the country."

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Columnist

Doug
Taylor

Enfield Council leader

IN this Christmas column I'd like to wish all *Advertiser* readers seasonal greetings. I hope that everyone has a joyous and comfortable time.

Times can however be tough for many of us and the future is uncertain with dramatic changes all around.

Naturally, we focus on those nearest and dearest to us at this time of the year, but a wider focus is a good thing.

What we can offer, and do, for others is a sign of our humanity and quality of our society.

Christmas should be a bit more than individual consumerism. Unfortunately, the council cannot do everything it would like to do.

We try to deliver the best services we can to protect the most vulnerable and to combat inequality and disadvantage, and I must apologise that we sometimes come up short as we are starved of cash to meet these aspirations and have to ration resources.

Therefore, most of all I apologise for our Conservative government who are the Scrooges of our time.

They are reckless with the public good and callous in disregard for the detriment and havoc they create.

This is the time of year for reflection and for resolutions.

If there is one commitment I would like us all to make, it is to commit to support caring Enfield – a place where we value our support to the most vulnerable and where we work to highlight need and the importance and value of unselfish dedication to public good.

We accept less, so that others can be protected.

WELL, what an extraordinary, not to say incredible, year on all fronts.

Very few people back in January would have predicted the course of political events that ensued throughout 2016.

The highlights were of course the "shock" referendum result and the November election of Donald Trump – events not, as I've previously said, entirely unconnected.

Coming between them we've seen Jeremy Corbyn seeing off challenges for the Labour Party leadership, despite the complete collapse of popular support, and, in the wake of Brexit, the surprise and sudden resignation of David Cameron as Prime Minister and the appointment of Theresa May in his place.

If that wasn't enough, Nigel Farage eventually departed UKIP to be replaced by Paul Nuttall, while in mainland Europe the Italians ditched their Prime Minister in another serious blow to the EU.

I suspect the European

elections next year will produce similar anti-EU results.

Moving away from the political turbulence, I'm sure we were all delighted to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and Enfield residents did her proud with street parties and events.

The success of Team GB at the Olympics also provided a real fillip for residents – events like this help raise the sense of pride in our country which was so evident when they happened.

As Christmas approaches we naturally think of our families, particularly children, and friends. It's also a time to remember those less fortunate than ourselves.

Sadly, this year has seen its fair share of tragedy from both natural disasters and serious accidents which have caused much loss of life and injury, here and across the world, while wars and terrorism continue to take their toll of innocent lives.

Christmas is primarily a time for children, but it is also a time for reflection and we should all spare a thought for all

Columnist

Terry
NevilleEnfield Council
Conservative group leader

those families who have lost loved ones here and elsewhere from whatever cause, or are suffering illness.

And so as we enter the Christmas period, I like to think that the joy the season brings inspires us also to hope for an improved future, greater understanding and tolerance and, above all, peace and well-being for all our borough's citizens and their families.

I wish all readers a very happy Christmas and a healthy and happy New Year.

I'M asking myself what has happened to peace and goodwill when I look across the world and see a mounting wave of abuse, intolerance and hatred, the like of which we have not seen since the rise of fascism and Nazism in the 1930s.

Think of Brexit, Trump, Le Pen, the political crises in Italy, Austria and the Netherlands and there's one common thread marking this festive season and the start of another new year – uncertainty, upheaval, anger.

Who would have thought that here in Britain we needed the government to back an anti-hate crime campaign after the police reported 5,468 racially or religiously aggravated crimes in a single month following the EU referendum – never mind the many more that went unreported.

More than 20

community groups, representing different races, religions and people with disabilities have come together to promote "true British values" – which to me means tolerance, understanding and building bridges not walls to create a better society and community.

Across the Atlantic, I read that the American Jewish Committee and the Islamic Society of North America are joining forces to create a new Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council to help break down the barriers borne from the years of community isolationism.

Nearer home I'd like to think that our Over 50s Forum has been and is a beacon of community cohesion, open to all groups in all parts of the borough.

That is why we have launched the Fairer Funding for Enfield

Columnist

Monty
MethLife president
– Enfield
Over-50s Forum

petition supported by all political parties to protect and enhance Enfield's amenities as our answer to those who would divide us.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Columnist



Enfield Green Party

It's not been a great year. First there was the Brexit disaster, and then the even bigger one of Trump's win in America.

He threatens to pull out of the Paris agreement and is putting a climate denier in

charge of Environment, even as climate change becomes glaringly obvious to all but those paid not to see it. Record temperatures, an arctic 20 degrees warmer than normal, droughts, floods, wildfires, storms – what more evidence do you want?

At least there does seem to be some momentum behind the Paris agreement which Trump may be unable to do more than slow.

Our government too is lukewarm at best, ratifying Paris late while continuing to subsidise fossil fuels, forcing fracking on an unwilling population and taking extraordinary steps to kill off the renewable industry.

This must be the worst, most spiteful government in living memory. The Tories pursue policies of an incredible lack of generosity: pushing the 'Just About

Managings' ever closer to the edge while claiming to help them, and doing everything they can to keep refugees from these shores.

Locally, David Burrowes has at least shown a spark of humanity by championing child refugees, but then spoils it by trying to score party points off the Labour council – which has been doing its best in the face of swingeing cuts to its budget, coming up with some innovative ideas to keep the wheels turning.

The one bright spot is Cycle Enfield, which is going ahead despite the vociferous opposition of worried but misinformed local businesses and the blinkered car lobby. We'll soon have the first section open and the predictions of disaster refuted.

Roll on 2017 for that reason – and because it's got to be better than 2016!

It is that time of year when we embrace family, friends, and traditions both personal, and shared with our community. We embrace sentimentality like no other time of year, letting words like "lonely" and "cold" really touch us. But I don't feel sentimental this year.

2016 has been a year of anger and fear, two emotions that often walk hand in hand. It has felt like an endless January sale, a year of sharp elbows and shouting, of snatching rather than sharing, like toddlers who would rather break a toy in the fight for it, than let it go.

And we don't want to admit that what we fought for so desperately is not the bargain

we hoped, but a tawdry piece of tat with bright, expensive packaging, because what does that say about us? About the way we behaved?

We are told we are living in bubbles, set against each other, old against young, rich against poor, black against white.

We are told we should reach out to each other, and that is true. Someone who you know, personally, stops being "other", becomes more than a stereotype, an object of blame. Booker T Washington said "One man cannot hold another man down in the ditch without remaining down in the ditch with him".

I want to climb out of that ditch, but it has never felt

Columnist



Age UK volunteer

more difficult. 2016 has been a year of grim desperation and I feel ragged with it. But it is also the season of goodwill. A reason to knock on the door of elderly neighbours and drop in a card, because those little moments will remind me that I live in a community that can and does care about each other.

Columnist



Leftside

It was Christmas Eve, 1952. My Dad, in his best suit, and freshly shaved, led me by the hand into the front room.

There, underneath the Christmas tree, which my Mum had decorated that afternoon, lay two dead chickens,

with a pig's head staring out between them, and packets of figs, nuts and dates, and jars of pickle, arranged all around.

I felt a bit sorry for the dead chickens and, especially, for the pig, but somehow I got my Dad's message, though I can't now recall the exact words he said to me. I felt his pride and satisfaction in being able to provide his child with such rich seasonal fare.

We baby-boomers were always being told how lucky we were, how grateful we ought to be, etc. This was boring... but it was also true. Our Mums and Dads had known unemployment, homelessness, war. Now they could confidently say to us: "We had it tough, but you are going to have it easy". How

many of today's parents can promise their children that? In our culture, Christmas has become a crucial test of parenthood.

Every year, the relentless adverts on daytime television pressurise Mums and Dads to spend more and more on the latest bits of electronic junk.

This Christmas, the struggle will not be getting any easier. For many families, a grasping landlord will have pocketed much of the money that should be going towards Christmas presents; or a bullying boss will have extinguished much of the energy and joy that would by right be lavished upon the children.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to young and old... and a special thought for young parents.

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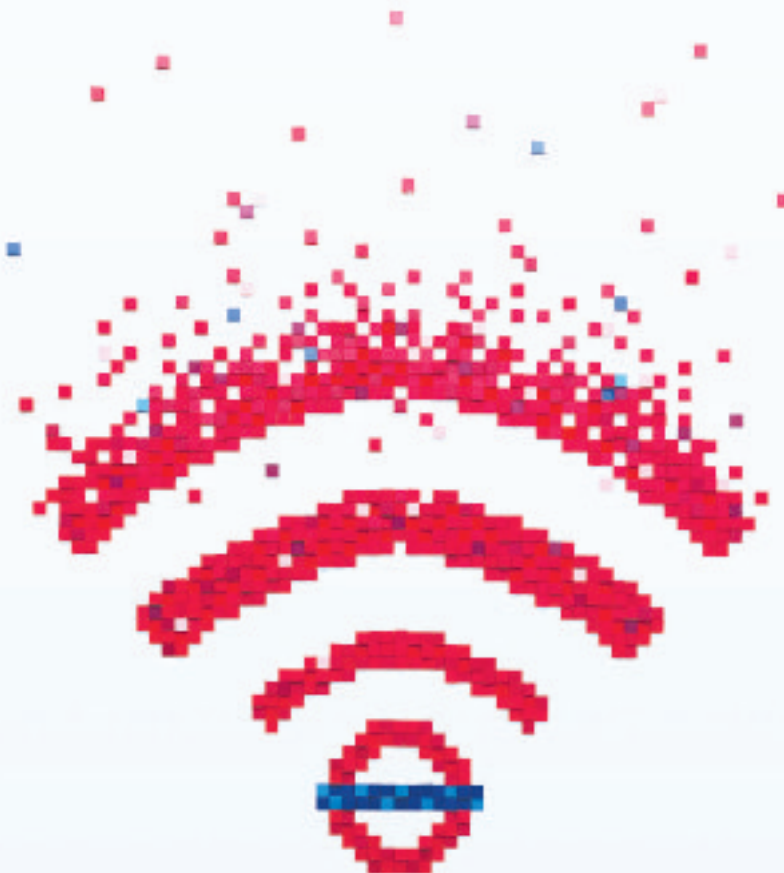
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We must stand by care leavers

TEENAGE years can be tough. Teenage years in care are much tougher, so supporting young people as they move out of care is vital to make sure they get the best possible start to adult life.

Get it right and young people will flourish in education, training or work. Get it wrong and the chance of a bright new future can seem very distant.

The Children and Social Work Bill is a unique opportunity to provide proper mental health and emotional support for these young people and the guarantee of somewhere safe to live.

Many children who come into care have experienced trauma and abuse. Barnardo's believes that all looked-after children and care leavers should be offered a mental health assessment by a qualified professional and then given support to meet their needs.

We believe all care leavers, not just those in foster care, should be offered safe and suitable accommodation up to the age of 21. Young people who are put in B&Bs or unsuitable hostels often find themselves living next to other residents who may have threatening behaviour or use drugs or alcohol. It's not the start to adult life that anyone wants.

In her speech to the Conservative Party conference in October, Theresa May said our society should work for everyone. I agree and I am urging the Prime Minister to follow up on those pledges by making sure we stand by our care leavers.

Lynn Gradwell
Director, Barnardo's London

Not everybody is so fortunate

AFTER a year that seems to have passed in a flash, I am looking forward to a calm Christmas with my family gathered around me.

This festive season Rainbow Trust Children's Charity – the charity where I am proudly a patron – will be helping families across England who have a life-threatening or terminally ill child.

Donate whatever you can spare to help Rainbow Trust carry out its vital work. Just visit rainbowtrust.org.uk/donate or text RAINBOW to 70111 to make a £3 donation.

Annabel Croft
Former British Number 1 tennis player and broadcaster

The poorest people are the ones who suffer most

PHILIP Hammond in his Autumn Statement claimed that this country has "world-class public services", which used to be true but is so no longer. His Autumn Statement does nothing to reverse the destruction visited upon those services by his predecessor.

Local government in particular has suffered swingeing cuts to the point where even essential frontline services are threatened. Social care and services for the elderly, the disabled and those with special educational needs have suffered. Many libraries have closed, though happily not yet in Enfield.

The impact of this reckless demolition of local government services on the poorest and most disadvantaged people is exacerbated by punitive central government policies such as the new, lower benefits cap, the cruel and unnecessary use of benefit sanctions and the continuing freeze on working age benefits and tax credits. The Institute for Fiscal Studies has concluded that many of us are worse off than in 2008.

The disabled have been especially hard hit by cuts to personal independence payments and the closure of the Independent Living Fund, to the

extent that the UN Committee on the Rights of People With Disabilities has characterised these as "grave or systematic violations of the rights of people with disabilities".

Communities require strong local services to support the most vulnerable and those in temporary crisis. It is vital that local services and national benefits are not just protected from further cuts, but are restored to sustainable levels.

David Flint
Chairman
Enfield Green Party

Here's the point which I was trying to make

POLITICIANS should apologise if they get things wrong. They rarely do.

I think I got the wording wrong in the Money Matters paragraph that Wendy Berry refers to in her letter ("Statements like this don't help, Mr Taylor, *Advertiser*, December 14.)

I used spending on a particular service using a high, unusual and complex expenditure example. That might seem misleading, but that was not my intention.

However, the onus in communications is on the writer not the reader and, in attempting to keep an explanation short and pithy, I failed to explain it fully and properly.

For that I apologise. It certainly was not my intention to encourage responses to the budget consultation to deprioritise spending on caring services.

What I wanted to do was explain how we are proud to support vulnerable people, and I wrote that in the piece and I used a real situation to illustrate that the cost to public services can be high.

I did that not to encourage negativity but to try to illustrate that much of what the public sector does is hidden

in cost and effect. To many residents who are not familiar with the wider services provided by the council, and other public sector bodies, it is only the universal services that are seen.

At a time of big and deep cuts to our income, I wanted residents to know that their money was spent on helping people get a better quality of life, not just in services like sweeping the roads.

I recognise the commitment of families to their loved ones and that in reality more could be done by public services if resources permitted.

My biggest worry is that as a society we will not make adequate resources available.



Apology: Enfield Council leader Doug Taylor

It is not that I think we spend too much money to help people, but that we are sleepwalking as a country into providing far too little."

Doug Taylor
Leader,
Enfield Council

Congratulations to all of you

I WOULD like to congratulate the Children's International Voices of Enfield choirs for three Christmas sell-out performances at Enfield's Dugdale Theatre.

I attended the Sunday afternoon concert that both my young children performed in and I cannot get over what a triumph it was – such a well-organised

and well-run event that was a joy to watch. It was extremely professional and the quality of musicianship was exceptional. I count myself very lucky to live in an area that provides such an opportunity for children and young adults. My children joined this choir just over a year ago and this was their fourth concert with CIVE.

Particular thanks must go to June and Christopher Keyte, who founded CIVE 25 years ago, for all their hard work and dedication. The choir is so wonderful and I'm delighted that my children are part of it – it is very, very special.

Davina Mac
Willow Walk,
Winchmore Hill

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Can you help our borough bloom?

I'M sure like many of your readers I was disappointed to learn of the removal of an Enfield in Bloom flower bed during the Cycle Enfield roadworks ("Blooming cheek", *Advertiser*, November 30).

As a member of the Enfield in Bloom Committee, I'm only too aware of the hard work of the volunteers in making Enfield a better place for all of us, so I'm pleased that Cycle Enfield has made a full and sincere apology, offering complete reparation and reassurance that not only will the beds be restored but that Enfield in Bloom will be invited to help shape the ongoing public realm improvements as Cycle Enfield proceeds.

At an Enfield in Bloom committee meeting, volunteers praised Cycle Enfield for its commitment to improving the environment by creating more flower beds and rain gardens.

However, I'm also writing to explain that Enfield in Bloom is only possible because of the work of the volunteers. We need many more.

Please, please if you are interested in helping Enfield to bloom, volunteer through their website at www.enfieldinbloom.org.uk

Councillor Vicki Pite
Associate Cabinet Member,
North Enfield

Place the blame where it belongs

HAVING received the seasonal ward summary from my Conservative councillors in Town ward, it was frustrating to see our elected officials so clearly attempting to mislead their constituents over the council's decision to save money by introducing fortnightly green bin collections.

The Labour council has had to make £118million in savings since 2010 and needs to make a further £56m by 2020 due to slashed funding from our central Conservative government.

If people are unhappy about the changes to their local services, they need to place the blame at the feet of the Conservative government and vote accordingly and not the Labour council, forced to make impossible decisions due to central funding that's nearly halved.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGES

Columnist

Lou Stein



Chickenshed Theatre

AS we come to the end of a very eventful 2016, I would like to wish you all a very happy Festive season and a fun filled and prosperous 2017.

In April this year I began my exciting new job as the Artistic Director of Chickenshed – a role that I believe is definitely the best theatre job in the country!

My first production, Kindertransport, was phenomenal, selling out

before it even opened.

Now our brand new musical, Adventure to Oz, is wowing audiences and reviewers alike. So far, so good!

I am about to announce my plans for 2017 – which I know will be a fantastic season for us, with even more productions both in our Studio Theatre and on our main stage in The Rayne Theatre.

We will be presenting regular shows for very young children, plus shows for families and adults, and we have planned a busy programme of live music and comedy events in our comfortable theatre bar.

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We try to make sure that we offer something for absolutely everyone who comes through our doors – but if we are missing something, then please tell us so we can put it right.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful and supportive local newspaper.

Also Enfield Council and members of this caring and thoughtful community who regularly offer us massive support and friendship.

We are so grateful to be a part of the wonderful Borough of Enfield.

It already looks to be a fabulous year with lots of exciting and fun events coming up and we can't wait to share the magic of theatre with you.

Columnist

Paul Everitt



Artistic director,
Millfield Arts Centre

on to my second Christmas wish for Enfield, to shop locally and support local businesses, including your local markets, theatres and restaurants.

LIKE many people I am already working on my New Year resolution to get fitter and healthier in 2017.

I'm not only going to make sure I renew my leisure centre membership but next year I am determined to use it more regularly – at least three times a week! We've got great facilities in Enfield with our Fusion leisure centres across the borough offering a whole range of activities at a great price, and a whole range of sports clubs offering football, tennis, golf, hockey, netball, rugby, athletics the list is endless.

Added to that our olympian training grounds in the east of the borough at Lee Valley and our wonderful parks,

some of which now have outdoor gyms, but all have great places to run, walk and play.

My first Christmas wish for the people of Enfield is for them to be inspired by Enfield Council's #MoveMoreEnfield campaign, take advantage of all the great things on offer and for 2017 to be a healthier year for everyone.

I'm also looking forward to a bit of indulgence. I was so excited when the Forty Hall Vineyard produced its first wines in 2016, and they are delicious.

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FAMILY ANNOUNCEMENTS

Abigail's set for life on the ocean wave this Christmas

By Priya Kingsley-Adam

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ABOARD a warship over the festive season, a 20-year-old woman from Enfield will be spending her first Christmas away from home.

Royal Navy sailor Abigail Sondack will be on duty as an aircraft technician on board the helicopter carrier HMS Ocean in the Middle East after setting off from Plymouth in September.

Although Christmas won't be quite the same without her family and friends, Abigail will be celebrating it with the rest of the ships crew.

"There are a few of the girls on duty Christmas Day, so we decided we would open presents together, listen to Christmas music and watch Christmas films," she said.

"This is the first time I have been away from friends and family for Christmas time. But it will be a different experience, spending it on a ship somewhere hot."

It may not be home, but the crew have made the most of bringing a little Christmas cheer on board the 22,000-tonne carrier.

"We have decorated the workshop with paper chains and mini Christmas trees," said Abigail.

"However, people are missing loved ones and this is only going to get harder."

When she's on duty, Abigail works in the aircraft engineering department – fixing and maintaining support equipment for 820 Royal Navy Air Squadron with the Merlin helicopter.

She will enjoy a well-deserved



On duty: Abigail Sondack will be on board HMS Ocean in the Middle East on Christmas Day

rest when she spends a few days with crew members in a hotel in Dubai and she will return to the UK

next year. "I'm looking forward to the scran [food]," she added. "Apparently, there will be a

Christmas barbecue on the flight deck and I'll attend a bit of carol singing."

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 - 10. Right to amend (7)
 - 11. The engineers in that place (5)
 - 12. Material did not stand out (5)
 - 14. Perfect – I give out cards (5)
 - 18. Big and regal, perhaps (5)
 - 19. Gather it's a festival (7)
 - 21. It might restrict eligibility (13)
 - 22. Level with the Spanish team (6)
 - 23. Shouts of approval for the toast (6)

- DOWN**
- 1. Sharp spasmodic pain from a suture (6)
 - 2. Where you might see the price of delivering landing gear (13)
 - 3. More than enough about maple (5)
 - 5. Chosen to sit after standing (7)
 - 6. The team-mate is out simultaneously (2,3,4,4)
 - 7. Sounding like Frost's poems (6)
 - 8. Groups of soldiers from Tunis, perhaps (5)
 - 13. I see Tim going out to make a list (7)
 - 15. Tablet that isn't good for teeth (6)
 - 16. Arab leader hikes around (5)
 - 17. Rock group? (6)
 - 20. Attain what a boxer has (5)

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 - 10. Pushes (7)
 - 11. Retinue (5)
 - 12. Polite (5)
 - 14. Turf (5)
 - 18. Pair (5)
 - 19. Displaced person (7)
 - 21. Inadvertent (13)
 - 22. Of teeth (6)
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- DOWN**
- 1. Fools (6)
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 - 3. Visits (5)
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 - 7. Irksome (6)
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Last week's solutions

QUICK SOLUTIONS
Across: 1 Intermediary ; 7 Creep; 8 Plumb; 9 Mar; 10 Corpulent; 11 Asylum; 12 Mettle; 15 Apartment; 17 Axe; 18 Latch; 19 Rough; 21 Preposterous.
Down: 1 Incomparable; 2 Rue; 3 Expiry; 4 Imprudent; 5 Rouse; 6 Obstreperous; 7 Curly; 10 Courtship; 13 Trash; 14 Debris; 16 After; 20 Use.

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Across: 1 Surrendering; 7 Regan; 8 Froze; 9 Moo; 10 Mandarins; 11 Lustre; 12 Starve; 15 Grenadier; 17 Cos; 18 Slugs; 19 Enter; 21 Heir apparent.
Down: 1 Seismologist; 2 Egg; 3 Dining; 4 Refractor; 5 Naomi; 6 Reassessment; 7 Rooms; 10 Merganser; 13 Racer; 14 Line up; 16 Etude; 20 Tea.

Data-sharing deal concerns for MP

By Adrian Colley
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ENFIELD North MP Joan Ryan has called for assurances to patients about the security of their medical records after the extension of a data-sharing agreement with Google.

DeepMind – Google's artificial intelligence company – and the Royal London NHS Free Foundation Trust have agreed to develop a mobile app called Streams.

It alerts clinicians more quickly to potential medical emergencies, to save the time spent by doctors and nurses on paperwork.

The deal is an extension of an existing agreement between the trust and DeepMind to help monitor abnormalities in patients' blood tests and to improve detection of acute kidney injury.

But privacy campaigners are alarmed that details on more than 1.6 million patients a year, who use Chase Farm, Barnet and Royal Free hospitals, will be shared with DeepMind.

In a letter to the chief executive of the Royal Free trust, David Sloman, Ms Ryan has asked for clarification about exactly what information will be shared.

Ms Ryan said: "Enfield residents have been in touch with me to raise their concerns about their medical records being shared with an organisation outside the NHS, without any knowledge of what DeepMind will be doing with their information and without their expressed consent being given.

"I welcome innovations which seek to improve patients' health, free doctors' and nurses' time and save NHS resources.

"However, we must ensure that advances in



Seeking assurances: MP Joan Ryan

medical care do not come at the cost of undermining patient confidentiality."

She has also written to the Information Commissioner, Elizabeth Denham, who is investigating the agreement.

A Royal Free London spokesperson said: "Our partnership with DeepMind is about saving patients' lives and improving the safety of the services our doctors and nurses provide.

"We wholeheartedly agree with Ms Ryan about the importance of patient confidentiality and will be responding to reassure her that it will in no way be compromised.

"Like most NHS trusts, we routinely work with third party data processors like DeepMind and we only ever do so in accordance with all national laws and protocols. This means that DeepMind can, under no circumstances, share patient information with any organisation.

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Both their restaurants – in Enfield Town and a takeaway in The Bourne, Southgate – hold an NFFF award (the National Federation of Fish Friers) – only two out of 12 in the whole of London to have one.

The Enfield Town establishment, located in London Road, is the perfect place to grab a takeaway, or sit in the spacious restaurant and watch the world go by. We shared pan fried tiger prawns in garlic butter from the specials board, which were delicious, but messy (our fault not theirs!).

And then my friend dived straight into mussels

THE GANNETS



Fish & Chips @ London Road, Enfield Town

in a cream and white wine sauce with doorstep wedges of brown bread.

Gannet opted for the more traditional cod and chips and finished every mouthful.

It was perfect, the batter was crisp and the fish was fresh and tasty as were the fat chips.

The tartare sauce on the side was excellent with just the right amount of tang and creaminess.

The service was quick and the waiters attentive and helpful.

It's run by John and Dawn Phantis, the couple who ran Sargasso Sea, in Palmers Green, for 11 years, but were forced out when the recession hit.

They opened Fish & Chips @ London Road five years ago, hoping to tap into the family market.

It's good value for money, but if you're counting your pennies after Christmas they also do lunchtime specials and early bird menus and children eat free on Sundays.

Dawn's family were fish merchants in Aberdeen and supplied restaurants all over the area.

John said: "We pride ourselves on the quality of our fish and have tried to make it affordable for a family to come."

"We want people who come to leave saying they had a cracking meal."

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Jump to it:
Scenes from the
classic ballet

By Priya Kingsley-Adam

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MAGICAL ballet *The Nutcracker*, a timeless enchanting tale about a young girl and her toy doll, will be showcased for one day only at artsdepot in January.

Stunning costumes and breath-taking dance has been created in a 45-minute production of Tchaikovsky's masterpiece, suitable for all ages at the North Finchley venue, in Nether Street.

First performed in Moscow in 1892, the show has been adapted by the Let's All Dance company in a bid to engage youngsters in the classical piece.

They can join the protagonist Clara as she journeys through a magical night on a quest to save her precious nutcracker doll from the villainous Mouse King.

After a victorious fight, Clara is rewarded for her bravery when her doll is suddenly transformed into a nutcracker prince.

As they travel to the mystical kingdom of Sweets and are met by the Sugar Plum Fairy, they are soon whisked off on a reindeer-drawn sleigh.

Let's All Dance was founded in 2010 by former professional dancer Orit Sutton, whose focus has been on creating educational and engaging productions.

The theatrical delight will be staged across three daytime performances on Saturday, January 7, starting at 11.30am, 2pm and 4pm.



Where to go and when

UNTIL DECEMBER 31

Brick Flicks, artsdepot, Nether Street, Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley (gallery open 10am-4pm).

Enjoy large-scale images of LEGO recreations of iconic film scenes and film posters, created by Warren Elsmore. Free entry.

In A Pickle, artsdepot, Nether Street, Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley, 10.30am & 1.15pm.

Created by Oily Cart, In A Pickle is inspired by Shakespeare's *The Winter's Tale* and takes a young audience on a voyage of discovery through the landscapes of the Bard's imagination and the music of his language.

Tickets: £10 (schools £8).

UNTIL JANUARY 2

We're Going On A Bear Hunt, artsdepot, Nether Street, Tally Ho Corner, North Finchley, morning and matinee performances at various times.

Michael Rosen's award-winning book *We're Going On A Bear Hunt* is brought vividly (and noisily!) to the stage in this fun-filled adaptation.

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Visit www.artsdepot.co.uk for details.

UNTIL JANUARY 3

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UNTIL JANUARY 7

Adventure to Oz, Chickenshed Theatre, Chase Side, Southgate. Familiar faces including Dorothy, the Scarecrow and the Tin Man and new characters such as the Patchwork Girl and Ojo the Unlucky Munchkin star in a new production penned by Chickenshed's artistic director Lou Stein.

Tickets: £5-£22.50. Box office: 020 8292 9222.

Visit www.chickenshed.org.uk for performance times.

UNTIL JANUARY 11

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10. Do all the above

Blockbuster gets lost in space

PASSENGERS (12A, 116 mins)

BEAUTIFUL people perform ugly acts in Morten Tyldum's intriguing sci-fi thriller, written by Jon Spaihts (Doctor Strange, Prometheus).

Set on a labyrinthine spaceship hurtling through distant galaxies, *Passengers* is a glossy meditation on solitude and self-sacrifice that loses its way in a messy and deeply unsatisfying final act that seems to have been cleaved from a different picture.

Interpersonal dramas and moral conundrums that germinate in the opening hour are trampled by slam-bang pyrotechnics reminiscent of the Oscar-winning thriller *Gravity*, albeit without that film's immersive, jaw-dropping aesthetics.

There are undeniable, base pleasures watching Jennifer Lawrence and Chris Pratt in various states of undress at the centre of this muddle, including a couple of steamy bedroom scenes and an inventive swimming sequence in zero gravity.

Moments of imagination and verve are depressingly scarce though, and a proper resolution has apparently been sucked out of one of the airlocks.

Instead, screenwriter Spaihts resorts to a series of disaster movie tropes to up the ante for his stricken central duo.

All that's missing is a wily extra-terrestrial predator hidden in one of the cargo bays to tear through that beautifully exposed, gym-toned flesh.

Mankind searches for new planets to inhabit and the *Starship Avalon* launches, loaded with 258 crew and 5,000 passengers in deep sleep, bound for the distant colony of Homestead II.

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PASSENGERS: Chris Pratt and Jennifer Lawrence adrift in space

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years, predominantly on autopilot, but a meteor shower causes a malfunction to the ship's central computer.

Hibernation pods malfunction and mechanical engineer Jim Preston (Chris Pratt) and journalist Aurora Dunn (Jennifer Lawrence) wake prematurely.

They discover they cannot reset the pods' sleep command and must spend the rest of their lives with the ship's robot bartender Arthur (Michael Sheen) while friends and loved ones slumber peacefully and defy the ravages of time for the next 90 years.

As they come to terms with their

predicament, romance sparks between Jim and Aurora.

When crew chief Gus Mancuso (Lawrence Fishburne) is also roused early by a software glitch, a shocking secret is exposed that undermines the couple's relationship.

"The drowning man will always drag somebody down with him," notes Mancuso cryptically, before a series of failures in the computer mainframe threatens the safety of everyone on board *Avalon*.

Passengers is a missed opportunity that relies on the white-hot star wattage of

Lawrence and Pratt to keep us engaged.

They make the most of slim pickings in Spaihts' misfiring script, drawing on halcyon days in *The Hunger Games* and *Guardians Of The Galaxy* respectively for action set-pieces.

Supporting performances are largely redundant, including Michael Sheen as the automaton bartender, whose intentionally lifeless performance exemplifies the lack of heart beneath the picture's expensive, shiny surface.

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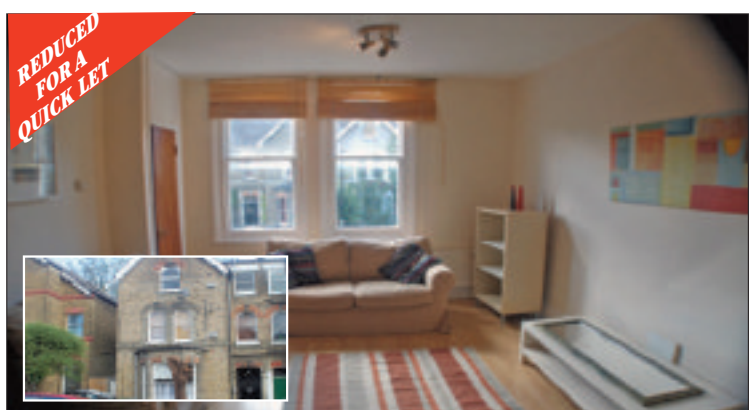
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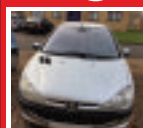
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Highgate Wood School wishes to appoint an experienced, well qualified, resourceful and flexible Receptionist.

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The post is 36 hours term-time only, typically 8am to 4pm. For an application pack, please contact Anna Gillespie, HR Officer on 0208 342 7970 or email agi@hws.haringey.sch.uk or alternatively, packs are also available to download from our School website:

www.hws.uk.com

Closing date for applications is at noon on Friday 6th January 2017.

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ROSE'S JOY AT CRUCIAL GOAL

By Dominique Stafford

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DANNY ROSE was Tottenham Hotspur's unlikely match-winner on Sunday as he scored the decisive goal to enable them to come from behind and claim a 2-1 victory at home to Burnley in the Premier League.

The left-back had only previously scored seven times in a 101 appearances for the club, but he showed real composure in front of goal to drill in the winner 19 minutes from time after Dele Alli had cancelled out Ashley Barnes' opener for Burnley.

"The manager wanted myself and Kyle Walker [right-back] to be as high up the pitch as possible," Rose said. "He got his tactics spot on with Kyle getting the assist for the first goal, while I managed to score the second.

"Whatever system we play, the manager fully expects us to get a lot of crosses into the box and to chip in with assists when we can. We've done that in the last few matches. I thought we started the game poorly, but we did well to come back into it and in the end I think it was a fair result.

"We're thankful now for the ten-day gap between matches, but it would be nice to keep our run going. It's very strange not to have a match now until December 28. I'm from Doncaster originally and I've not been around for about eight years at Christmas, so I'm looking forward to seeing the family."

And manager Mauricio Pochettino was full of praise for both Rose and the team as a whole following a victory which saw them climb to within three points of the top four in the table.

"It was a good performance," he said. "It's always hard to win in the Premier League, and it was a big performance and a big three points for us.



Tottenham's match-winner: Danny Rose scored the decisive goal in Sunday's win against Burnley

"The way we conceded was a little unlucky but we feel very pleased because the players always believed, they never lost their faith in trying to win.

"The Premier League is one of the best leagues in the world. You never have complete control of the game.

We started well and created lots of chances, but if you don't score sometimes you can then concede. We conceded, but the most important thing is that we came back, scored twice and maybe could have scored more.

"It was a brilliant goal from Danny and a very good performance. In the

last few games he's really showing his quality and I'm very pleased.

"We play in a system that finds the best for the full-backs. We try to provide the tools for them to show their quality and we're happy – in the last few games they are showing high quality."

Wanyama's relief at getting his name on the scoresheet

VICTOR WANYAMA admitted that he was relieved to finally get his name on the scoresheet during Tottenham Hotspur's 3-0 victory at home to Hull City in the Premier League on Wednesday last week.

Wanyama had missed a golden chance to equalise during Spurs' 1-0 defeat at Manchester United the previous weekend, but the Kenyan international midfielder did manage to find the net on this occasion to set the seal on a comfortable win after Christian Eriksen's double had put the hosts in control.

"I'd been having a tough week," Wanyama told the club's official website. "I had chances against

Swansea and then Manchester United and I didn't want to be in that position again.

"The staff have been giving me stick, saying there's no point me going to the goal because I keep passing back to the keeper and not scoring.

"For that reason, it was in my heart. I said 'from this week, I'll do my finishing' and I wanted to prove them wrong.

"I was in the right place to score and went to the bench to tell them off. It was an easy chance, but I guess it's about being in the right place at the right time.

"We needed to win this game. We had a tough match at United. We could have got something

from the game, but we didn't and coming into this match was a bit tough – but we're happy we got the three points."

Manager Mauricio Pochettino added: "It was a tough game, it always is in the Premier League. I'm happy, very pleased to get the three points to stay close to the top four.

"We are fighting and there is a long way to go to the end of the season, but it was important to get the three points.

"I'm happy for Victor because he missed a big chance at Manchester United. We suffered a lot after that match and it's good to recover the feeling of winning games."

Borough pull clear in the second half

HARINGEY BOROUGH produced a terrific second-half performance to romp to a 4-1 victory at struggling Great Wakering Rovers and climb to within three points of the Ryman League North Division's play-off places.

Borough, who have been steadily climbing up the table, found themselves trailing at the interval but they produced a four-goal blitz in the second half to ensure that they picked up maximum points.

Despite finding themselves in the relegation zone, the hosts began the match strongly and got their reward when Kai Heather gave them the lead after just nine minutes.

The remainder of the first half saw Borough battle hard in a bid to get back on level terms, but they struggled to break down a resolute home defence and found themselves still trailing at the interval.

However, the visitors were a different proposition in the second half and they grabbed an equaliser through Adrian Markus within five minutes of the restart.

The same player put Borough ahead midway through the second period and the goal seemed to crush Great Wakering's resistance as the clash became increasingly one-sided after this.

Anthony McDonald extended the visitors' lead on 73 minutes before Rakim Richards rounded off an ultimately comfortable triumph by adding the fourth soon after.

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